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June 30, 2009

ADOPTED

IN REPLY PLEASE
REFER TO FILE: **WM-2**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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JUNE 30, 2009

Sachi A. Hamai
SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ESTABLISH A DESIGNATION IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FUND FOR PACOIMA DAM SEDIMENT REMOVAL PROJECT, INCREASE THE DESIGNATION IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FUND FOR SUN VALLEY WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AND REPLENISHMENT PROJECT, AND APPROVE AN APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT FOR THESE DESIGNATIONS
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 3 AND 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

These actions are to establish a designation of \$20 million in the Los Angeles County Flood Control District Fund to finance the Pacoima Dam Sediment Removal Project and to increase the current designation for the Sun Valley Watershed Management and Replenishment Project from \$8.2 million to \$18.2 million.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

1. Approve the establishment of a designation in the Los Angeles County Flood Control District Fund of \$20 million in the 2008-09 Fiscal Year for financing the Pacoima Dam Sediment Removal Project.
2. Approve an increase of \$10 million in the current designation from \$8.2 million to \$18.2 million in the 2008-09 Fiscal Year for the Sun Valley Watershed Management and Replenishment Project.

3. Approve the Appropriation Adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Los Angeles County Flood Control District Fund Budget to allow designations totaling \$30 million for these projects by decreasing services and supplies appropriation.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to set aside funds for exceptionally large infrastructure improvement projects, which are too costly to finance in any single year. The Pacoima Dam Sediment Removal Project is estimated to cost \$60 million, and the Sun Valley Watershed Management and Replenishment Project is estimated to cost \$170 million. Some financing is expected to be available from Federal, State, or local sources, but a significant portion of the financing will be needed from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD).

The Pacoima Dam Sediment Removal Project will remove up to 5 million cubic yards of sediment that has accumulated over the 80 years since the dam's original construction. Following the recent Marek and Sayre Fires, which burned portions of the watershed, a major sediment inflow could jeopardize the LACFCD's ability to make flood control, water conservation, or emergency dewatering releases from the dam. This project may also include the replacement of aging valves and operators, and installing new inlet gates on the riser. Due to complexities with the project construction, availability of sediment placement locations and the need to maintain water conservation and flood control activities at the facility, the work will likely be conducted in two or more phases with the first phase anticipated to begin in summer 2011 after environmental documents and project plans are completed.

The Sun Valley Watershed Management and Replenishment Project is intended to solve severe flooding conditions and provide other benefits in a highly developed urban watershed. The project includes retaining stormwater runoff from the watershed, reducing stormwater pollution, and increasing water conservation. This work will consist of multiple concepts/projects, designs and specifications, consulting work, land acquisition, and construction.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), and Public Safety (Goal 5). The recommended actions will maximize the effectiveness of the funding process to enable timely delivery of Public Works' infrastructure improvement projects to provide flood protection and other benefits to residents in the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The combined cost estimate for the Pacoima Dam Sediment Removal Project and the Sun Valley Watershed Management and Replenishment Project is \$230 million. LACFCD plans to set aside available funds each year until the financing for these projects is complete and will continue to seek Federal and State grants and pursue local financing to partially reimburse LACFCD for the cost of these projects. The attached Fiscal Year 2008-09 Appropriation Adjustment of \$30 million in the LACFCD Fund Budget decreases the services and supplies appropriation, establishes a designation to set aside \$20 million for the Pacoima Dam Sediment Removal Project, and increases the existing designation for the Sun Valley Watershed Management and Replenishment Project by \$10 million from \$8.2 million to \$18.2 million.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended actions do not constitute a project as set forth by the County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Sections 301 and 307, and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15378, and therefore does not require an environmental finding.

We will obtain approval from your Board of any required CEQA documents for project elements to be funded by this designation.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)



Approval of this designation will have no negative impact on current County services.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works,
Watershed Management Division.

Respectfully submitted,



~~GAIL FARBER~~
Director of Public Works

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Attachment

cc: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan), County Counsel, Executive Office,
Auditor-Controller

**REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

NO. 690

June 4, 2009

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFORE

**FISCAL YEAR 2008-09
3 - VOTE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

SOURCES

Department of Public Works
Flood Control District Fund
B07 - PW - 2000 - 47000

Services and Supplies
DECREASE APPROPRIATION

30,000,000

USES

Department of Public Works
Flood Control District Fund
B07 - 3069

Designation for Pacoima Dam
Sediment Removal Project

20,000,000

INCREASE DESIGNATION

Department of Public Works
Flood Control District Fund
B07 - 3063

Designation for Sun Vly Watershed

10,000,000

INCREASE DESIGNATION

\$30,000,000\$30,000,000JUSTIFICATION


This adjustment is necessary to finance the Pacoima Dam Sediment Removal Project, and Sun Valley Watershed Management and Replenishment Project as per attached Board Letter.

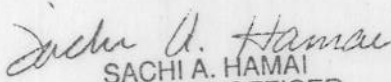
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(Control No. 09-26)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

JUN 30 2009


GAIL FARBER, Director


SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR---

ACTION

APPROVED AS REQUESTED

AS REVISED

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RECOMMENDATION

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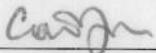

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

BY

APPROVED (AS REVISED):
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

NO. 265


June 8, 2009

BY

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK